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To: Nancy Rumrill/R9/USEPA/US|||EPA

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Subject: Underground injection control (UIC) permit for Lahaina, Maui

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Ground Water Office (WTR-9),
75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105,
Attn: Nancy Rumrill

Subject: Intent to issue an Underground injection control (UIC) permit for
the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Lahaina, Maui

Dear Nancy Rumrill,

Thank you for considering my input on the injection well permit HI50710003. As an interested resident of Maui and an avid snorkeler, I am appalled to find that injection wells are still being permitted when recent scientific data proves they cause degradation to our reefs. I understand that there would be great cost to use the wastewater in a more ocean friendly manner. But, our reef quality is paramount to continued tourism which supports our county. It is also a travesty to have our reefs destroyed when there are alternatives, though at a monetary cost.

It seems it is time to add a condition to the permit that would mandate a phase out of the injection well system within the 10 year permit period and a phase in of a different and better use of the wastewater in the future.

Please carefully consider this suggestion and suggestions of other concerned citizens of Maui.

Sincerely,
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